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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the announcement last Thursday that the lockdown is set to continue for at least another three weeks, I wanted to send you an update from the team at school.

You should by now have received the latest work pack from your child's class teacher. This is also available on our website under 'Teaching & Learning – Home Learning'. As I have said in my previous correspondence, keeping your child happy, motivated and positive is the most important job of any parent right now. For most children this will involve a routine including some learning time but if it is becoming a battle between you and your child, we understand and recommend not forcing the issue. If you manage to get any learning completed then that is good but we will pick up with their learning when they return to school. You have enough to think about having been on lockdown for four weeks and now another three with no current exit of lockdown date. Please don't feel that we are pressurising you to get work done to a tight timetable as we do in school. Go with the flow and if all the learning your child does is reading daily then you are doing a great job.

From today, the BBC are offering regular daily lessons in English and Maths, as well as other subjects, in an expanded version of their website (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn9447h>) and also on special programmes broadcast on BBC iPlayer and BBC Red Button. The timetable for every year group for this week can be found on our website under 'Teaching & Learning - Home Learning' (scroll to the bottom of the page). We will update the timetable on our website weekly.

The government has also released a comprehensive document with online learning links: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

If your child has special educational needs, Hampshire's Specialist Teacher Advisory team have released a document which you may find helpful. This can be downloaded from our website: 'Teaching & Learning – Home Learning'.

You should by now have received a telephone call from your child's class teacher. I know how much the team have enjoyed speaking with the children and finding out what they've been up to. If you've missed the call then your child's class teacher will try again this week. If your contact details have recently changed then please let us know and we will update them on our system.

Please remember that there are staff in school daily, so please do call if there is any way that you feel we can support you and your child further. If at any time you feel that your child would benefit from a chat with their teacher then do let us know and we will arrange this for you. Our office team are also checking the school's email account several times daily (adminoffice@wickham-primary.hants.sch.uk), should you wish to get in touch this way or send any work/photographs from your child. Our school's

Facebook group is another way to stay in touch and we love seeing the photographs posted on there in response to our 'Fun Time Friday'. If you are not currently a member of the group and wish to join then please search 'Wickham CE Primary School Parents' on Facebook.

Some parents have asked us if we know when the children are likely to return to school. The simple answer is that we do not. We are likely to be informed of any plan at the same time as the rest of the country. However, regardless of whenever this is, I wish to reassure you that we are already planning carefully how we will support the children in their transition back into school with the social and emotional change that this will bring after an extended lockdown.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us should you require any support.

Keep safe.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Cutter', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Graham Cutter
Headteacher